

rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, July 10, 2002.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER, THE MAJORITY LEADER, AND THE MINORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS AND MAKE APPOINTMENTS NOTWITHSTANDING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Monday, July 8, 2002, the Speaker, majority leader, and minority leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### APPOINTMENT OF HON. WAYNE T. GILCREST OR HON. TOM DAVIS OF VIRGINIA TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH JULY 8, 2002

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
June 27, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable WAYNE T. GILCREST or, if not available to perform this duty, the Honorable TOM DAVIS to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through July 8, 2002.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is agreed to.

There was no objection.

#### REVISIONS TO THE 302(a) ALLOCATIONS TO PERMIT THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4954, THE MEDICARE MODERNIZATION AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG ACT OF 2002

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. NUSSLE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to section 202 of H. Con. Res. 353, the concurrent resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2003, I am submitting revisions to the 302(a) allocations to permit the consideration of H.R. 4954, the Medicare Modernization and Prescription Drug Act of 2002.

Under section 231(d) of H. Con. Res. 353 a separate 302(a) allocation was established for legislation providing a prescription drug benefit, Medicare modernization, and various adjustments for the Medicare program. Section 202 of that resolution permits the chairman of the Budget Committee to increase this allocation for both budget authority and outlays by an amount not to exceed \$5 billion in fiscal year 2003 and \$350 billion over 10 years for such legislation.

H.R. 4954 establishes a prescription drug benefit in Medicare, adjust certain payments under Medicare, and modernizes Medicare through a Medicare+Choice Competition Program, regulatory reform and a prescription drug discount card. As reported by the Committee on Ways and Means and modified by H. Res. 465, the bill would provide for the Medicare policies delineated in section 202, \$4.650 billion in new budget authority and \$4.575 billion in outlays for fiscal year 2003. For the 10-year period of 2003 through 2012, this bill would provide \$347.270 billion in new budget authority and outlays for such policies.

Accordingly, I am revising the 302(a) allocation for Medicare policies for fiscal year 2003 by \$4.650 billion in new budget authority and \$4.575 billion in outlays and, for the period of fiscal years 2003 through 2012, by \$347.270 billion in new budget authority and outlays.

Pursuant to section 202 of H. Con. Res. 353, the concurrent resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2003, I have adjusted the 302(a) allocation of new budget authority for Medicare (as printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on May 22, 2002) by \$4.650 billion in additional budget authority for fiscal year 2003 and by \$347.270 billion in additional budget authority for the period of 2003 through 2012.

Under the special rule set forth in section 231(d) of H. Con. Res. 353, the applicable allocation for H.R. 4954 is the 302(a) allocation for Medicare for fiscal year 2003 and for the period of fiscal years 2003 through 2012 that was printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on May 22, 2002.

As reported by the Committee on Ways and Means and modified by H. Res. 465, the bill provides \$4.650 billion in new budget authority in fiscal year 2003 and \$347.270 billion for the period of 2003 through 2012 for the purposes specified in section 202 of H. Con. Res. 353. Hence, the amount of new budget authority related to the Medicare policies set forth in section 202 is equal to the adjusted 302(a) allocation for the applicable periods.

If no further adjustments are made to this allocation, any amendment that would provide any additional new budget authority for Medicare, relative to the bill as amended by the rule, in fiscal year 2003 or for the period of fiscal years 2003 through 2012 would exceed the 302(a) allocation in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

Section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act prohibits the consideration of amendments that, if enacted, would exceed the appropriate allocation of budget authority made pursuant to section 302(a) for the first year and the total of all fiscal years covered by the applicable budget resolution.

In addition, the bill provides \$0.380 billion in new budget authority in fiscal year 2003 and \$1.380 billion over the period of fiscal years 2003 through 2007 that is unrelated to the Medicare policies delineated in section 202. Such spending is therefore subject to the general purpose allocation of the Committee on Ways and Means. Any amendment making changes unrelated to the Medicare policies delineated in section 202 that provides in excess of \$1.823 billion in new budget authority in fiscal year 2003 or \$6.475 billion for the period of fiscal years 2003 through 2007 would also exceed the appropriate 302(a) allocation in violation of Section 302(f).

This statement is issued in accordance with section 312(a) of the Congressional Budget Act.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. WELDON of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NUSSLE, for 5 minutes, today.

#### SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1041. An act to establish a program for an information clearinghouse to increase public access to defibrillation in schools; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 1646. An act to identify certain routes in the States of Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and New Mexico as part of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor, a high priority corridor on the National Highway System; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

S. 2690. An act to reaffirm the reference to one Nation under God in the Pledge of Allegiance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 125, 107th Congress, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 125, 107th Congress, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2002.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 38 minutes a.m.), pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 125, the House adjourned until Monday, July 8, 2002.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7689. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Gregory S. Newbold, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7690. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral George P. Nanos, Jr., United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.